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## NO on Bendel recall Feb. 3rd!

### REPORT

To Our Reader - Owners

#### BROWN'S LIBERALISM

"Responsible liberalism" is the term Governor Brown has used to describe the philosophy of his Administration. In his message to the Legislature on labor-management relations he said that he "defined liberalism as a philosophy which believes that people—not institutions, or organizations, or corporations—come first."

Now the labor movement is not a corporation, but it can be properly classed under the other two headings in that definition; the AFL-CIO as along with the various independent unions in California does constitute an organization, an institution.

People — duespayers, rank-and-file members, belong to this organization and are affected profoundly by the usages and practices of this institution.

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#### OUR INSTITUTIONALISM

What has just been said is so elementary that it may seem not only unnecessary but foolish to say it. Yet all too many revelations of late have shown that both officers and duespayers in this institution get into fixed habits, institutional customs, which make them go on blindly without stopping to think that after all it's the welfare of people, not the "success" of the institution, which is important.

The institution is still so new as an established institution that it is scarcely surprising that many of us within its vast settled ramifications go on thinking of it as a new and sacred cause, a revolutionary crusade, rather than a vast institution capable of developing organizational impetus riding down individual rights of the people, the individual persons, in it.

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#### LET'S!

In discussions of Governor Brown's proposals let's bear these things in mind. Let's get as far away as we can from anything resembling the habit the Associated Farmers have of speaking of themselves as if they were early Nineteenth Century small farmers with billygoat beards when actually they represent big corporate interests.

Let's in short, as the Governor puts in plain words, "be realistic," and not, as another good Democrat phrased it, make it necessary to "be dragged, kicking and screaming, into the Twentieth Century."

### OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

## Labor urges Fremont vote

The Central Labor Council was reminded at its meeting this week that Tuesday, February 3, is the date of the special recall election in Fremont, and that every union member in that municipality is urged to go to the polls and vote NO on the recall of City Councilwoman Winifred H. Bendel.

Kenneth D. Steadman, Steelworkers 3367, himself a Fremont City Councilman, said that "this council's endorsement of Mrs. Bendel and contention that she be retained in office has done a great deal to influence sentiment in Fremont, and I feel that now the pendulum is swinging in our direction. But we need the help of every labor man or woman who can get out and push hard for victory."

Steadman said that the campaign, although Mrs. Bendel herself is not affiliated with organized labor, "has settled down to a labor struggle," with labor people in Fremont realizing that anti-labor forces are back of the drive against the Councilwoman.

Steadman called attention to a resolution adopted by the Washington Township Democratic Club urging that "all Democrats in Fremont vote NO on recall."

There has been some split among Democrats over the recall proposal, the other club in the area, the Fremont Democratic Club having declared for Carl W. Flegal, Mrs. Bendel's opponent.

Carpenters Local 1622, as reported in last week's East Bay Labor Journal, originally de-

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### JOE SEAONE IS ELECTED UNION CITY COUNCILMAN

Joe Seaone of the Chemical Workers is receiving congratulations on having been elected a City Councilman of the new Union City, which recently by vote of the people created itself and elected a City Council.

## CLC executives at Golden Grain shop spark negotiating

The Central Labor Council Executive Committee by holding what might be called a special meeting in front of the Golden Grain Macaroni Company plant at 6:30 Monday morning stimulated the resumption of negotiations between the management and the striking members of Bakery Workers 119.

The special meeting was also attended by strikebreakers wishing to go through the striking union's picket line, by a comely cohort of the San Leandro police force, and by disturbed representatives of the Proposition 18 Gazette, alias the Knowland Tribune.

The meeting finally adjourned to the police station of the city in which it was held, where Richard Groulx, assistant secretary of the Central Labor Council, remained unvoluntarily for two hours. Meanwhile CLC President Russ Crowell and Vincent DeDomenico, plant manager, mutual accusers, were also adjourned to the police station, along with some others.

But by the time James F. Galliano, legal luminary of the CLC, got to the jail, everybody on both sides of the discussion was

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## Operating Engineers striking 4 months seek temporary jobs

A hundred members of Operating Engineers Local 509, an affiliate of the Central Labor Council, have been on strike since September 20 against the U. S. Pipe & Foundry Company plant at Decoto.

Frank Brantley, an international representative of the Operating Engineers, with his office at 25 Taylor Street, San Francisco, this week said that while the spirit of the strikers is high, after four months on the bricks some assistance is needed from other unions.

The assistance he suggests is rustling up some temporary jobs for the strikers; they can't be expected to live indefinitely on their modest strike benefits.

Local 509 has had a contract with the company for three years, said Brantley, but in negotiations this year they found

the management tough to deal with.

The union originally asked for a 30-cent package, and the company offered a 10-cent package. The union came down to 18 cents, but the company stuck with the 10-cent figure.

The production workers' scale was \$2.10 per hour under the old contract, and the top rate maintenance rate was \$2.91.

The union is asking vacation, holiday, night shift, and basic pay adjustments.

### SENATOR ENGLE'S REPLY TO JOURNAL ON PAGE 8

In fairness to Senator Engle, please read on page 8 his telegram and letter replying to criticism by East Bay Labor Journal of his vote for Senator Johnson's filibuster proposal.

## CLC Executive Board election February 2

Second nominations for officers and standing committee members of the Central Labor Council were taken this week at the January 26 meeting. The election will be held at the next meeting, Monday, February 2.

All officers were nominated without opposition for reelection at the January 19 meeting, and no nominations against them were made this week. Accordingly the following are in effect already re-elected:

President: **Russell Crowell**, Cleaners 3009.

First Vice President: **Edna Lallement**, Building Service Employees 18.

Second Vice President: **William Drohan**, Electrical Workers 1506.

Executive Secretary: **Robert S. Ash**, Retail Food Clerks 870.

Treasurer: **Joseph Angelo**, Steelworkers 3367.

Sergeant-at-Arms: **Eddie Maney**, Laundry Workers 2.

Trustee: **W. Douglas Geldert**, Building Service Employees 18.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

For the 23 places on the executive committee the following 26

were nominated at the January 19 meeting:

**DeWayne Williams**, Automotive Machinists 1546; **Harris Wilkin**, Retail Food Clerks 870; **Pat Sander**, Cooks 228; **Ed Reith**, East Bay Municipal Employees 390; **F. V. Stambaugh**, Carmen 192; **Al Hansen**, Electrical Workers 1245; **Ed Porreca**, Rubber Workers 64; **Russel Mathiesen**, Department & Specialty Store Employees 1265; **Gratalee Reese**, Glass Bottle Blowers 141; **John Hutchinson**, Berkeley Federation of Teachers 1078; **Eddie Maney**, Laundry Workers 2; **Al Thoman**, Carpenters 36; **Sonia Baltrun**, Textile Workers 146; **Pete Cermello**, Paint Makers 1101; **Herb Sims**, Engineers 39; **John Ferro**, Printing Specialties 382; **Ed Logue**, Machinists 284; **Kenneth Steadman**, Steelworkers 3367; **Lloyd Ferber**, Steelworkers 1304; **Bob Rivers**, Communications Workers 9490; **Leslie K. Moore**, Auto & Ship Painters 1176; **Kenneth Crowell**, Communications Workers 9412; **LeRoy Woods**, Culinary Workers & Bartenders 823; **Romildo Caruso**, United Auto Workers 76; **Fran Kacz**

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## Nonunion wrecking firms invade from valley: BTC

So many contractors are coming in from the valley to handle wrecking jobs, a considerable number of them hiring nonunion help, that three business representatives of Laborers Local 304 are kept busy with the problem. It is possible that the local may have to call on the Building Trades Council for assistance in making representations to the State Highway Commission on some of the problems involved.

Paul L. Jones, secretary-treasurer of Local 304, so informed the council delegates at the last meeting of the council. He said that he very much appreciated the help already given him by the council on various phases of the problem.

The State pays the contractor for taking down buildings in the line of new freeways, etc., and then complications arise when the prime contractors sell the buildings to individuals to wreck.

Under this system the contractors collect twice and the union is faced with all nonunion crews that are employed by individuals to wreck these buildings.

At the same meeting Dan Guzzi, Carpenters 1622, asked about the performance bond at the old S. P. roundhouse wreck-

ing job where the BTC had won an injunction to stop the contractor from using nonunion labor in violation of his contract to use only union labor. BTC Business Representative J. L. Childers said that proposals to strengthen performance bond requirements will be before the Legislature during this session.

Childers reported that the use of nonunion workers on a wrecking job for the E. Morris Cox school had stopped after he discussed the matter with the school board, and that the contractor, Allen, had signed a BTC contract.

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"Blackie" Miller, Painters 127, suggested that the appointment of Childers to the Newspaper Advisory Committee, discussed at a previous meeting, be effected. President Joseph Pruss in making the appointment said that he hoped Childers would move for an early session of the committee to take up matters in which the BTC is interested. Childers takes the seat on the committee from which Paul L. Jones recently resigned.

At a previous meeting of the council, the question arose of whether or not there should be on the Newspaper Advisory Com-

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# HOW TO BUY

## Money gray market—high fees

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS

Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

The recession of 1957-58 is barely over, if it is over. But already the "tight-money" situation that preceded the last recession has returned, mortgages again are harder to get and the mortgage gray market again is collecting its hidden extra fees.

For a while last Summer it was possible to get even a GI mortgage at 4 1/4 percent rate, or the higher-rate FHA and conventional mortgages with little or no discount. But the administration ended this brief period of fairly easy mortgages by discontinuing the lending program Congress enacted last year. The new tight-money market is especially rough on individual mortgage-seekers. It's easier to find development houses with mortgages already arranged.

The mortgage gray market operates by charging bonuses called "discounts", and inflated closing costs. A bank or other mortgage lender, for example, will advance a builder or home buyer, \$9600 or \$9800, but have him sign a mortgage contract for \$10,000. In the case of builders, it is presumed that the discounts they pay lenders are added to the selling prices of homes. Sometimes the extra mortgage fee is passed on to the buyer by reducing the quality of the house rather than raising the price.

Other devices used by the mortgage gray market to conceal extra charges include finder's or "origination" fees of 1 percent of the amount of the mortgage, and special fees for the bank's attorney.

These concealed charges generally are legal. The Government permits them on government-backed V. A. and FHA mortgages, although it limits the amount of extra fees charged by lenders. Some of the biggest banks use these devices. But while these extra charges may be legal, they're still embarrassing and the lenders don't like to talk about them openly.

Albert W. Marble, managing director of the Michigan Credit Union League, reports that nowadays banks, loan associations and other lenders, often are more interested in the extra fees than in the rate of interest they charge for a mortgage.

Marble, a noted crusader against high charges for mortgages and ther consumer credit, reveals that sometimes lenders get double closing or construc-

tion fees, collecting from both the builder and the buyer. After collecting the extra fees, the lender often turns around and re-sells the mortgage to an insurance company or the Federal National Mortgage Association.

For example, a bank or association may grant a \$10,000 mortgage at a purported interest rate of 5 percent, plus extra fees of \$500. Over a two-year period it also collects \$1000 in interest. Thus its total take is \$1500. It then re-sells the mortgage. For the two years the lender holds the \$10,000 mortgage, it actually collects the equivalent of 7 1/2 percent.

Such profitable maneuvers at the expense of home buyers are done with Government sanction and, in fact, often the Government guarantees the lenders against any loss.

In addition to these legal concealed charges, homeowners in need of money sometimes are the victims of outright usury when refinancing present mortgages.

A worried homeowner came to the Sorrows Parish Federal Credit Union in Farmington, Mich. He reported that a local "investment company" had refinanced his mortgages. The lender advanced him \$2000 and charged a bonus of \$700.

After the family had made five payments, the same lender refinanced the mortgage again, advancing an additional \$2000, and charging an additional bonus of \$500. For \$4000 received, the borrower now was obligated to repay \$5200 plus interest on \$5200.

By this time the borrower had become convinced that he was the victim of a sharp deal to take away his home for alleged non-payment of this debt. He was not a member of the credit union, but a friend was, and the friend borrowed enough to repay the \$4000. They got a lawyer. The investment company quickly agreed to forget the bonuses and accept payment for just the actual amount advanced.

## Reduce first!

If you have heavy leg trouble, don't exercise until you've tried some reducing first. Sports like bicycling, hockey, skating and climbing have a nasty way of building a layer of muscle over the fat you already have.

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## To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

AL RAEURN watches women. But for strictly economic reasons. He's an Oakland economic consultant who, as an article in the January 12 Examiner said, "spends some of his time lurking unobtrusively within markets and watching women shop . . . It is his job to advise stores on where to locate and, once they are located, how to display what. So his opinions are gainfully come by."

The sad news divulged by Raeburn is that women aren't so superior to men as shoppers as women like to think they are, or as they are according to the "myth, propagated by women," as the Examiner brutally puts it.

WHEN A MAN goes to the market to shop for the family, says Raeburn, his wife gives the poor dumb creature a list, warns him against impulse buying, and makes him feel guilty if he does do any of that heinous impulse stuff.

THE WIFE, this expert woman-watcher declares, "on the other hand, comes in without a list. She generally does more than one shopping a week, though she shouldn't have to if plans had been properly laid. She buys on impulse all over the place, and when asked why she prefers a certain store she is wont to put on a straight face, and say, Price, or Quality."

To which the irreverent Al Raeburn's reply as reported by the Examiner, the monarch of the dailies, is: "Nuts!"

ACTUALLY, the expert reports, location, convenience of access, influences her. And "one study showed that women secretly expect butchers to virile lookin. Another demonstrated that they like to talk, and be talked to, while they shop."

Well, well, all this is very disconcerting. And Al Raeburn, whenever he came into our office, always seemed to be a gentleman.

## Some fabrics need care!

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## Preshrink cloth before cutting

If wool and cotton fabrics are not marked as being preshrunk on the bolt or tag, you must shrink it yourself before cutting your fabric.

Wet cotton fabrics in tepid water, roll in a towel to remove excess water, and then place on a flat surface to finish drying. Turn the fabric frequently to shrink it evenly. When it's nearly dry hang it carefully across the line. Do not wring the fabric or get it out of its folded shape. Press if needed.

To shrink wool, wring out a clean sheet in cold water, and fold half the wool in one-half the sheet. Then fold the sheet over and place the other half the wool in the balance of the sheet and fold over. This method, makes certain that the moisture penetrates all of the fabric. Leave this overnight. It can be hung over a door or a clothes rack.

If it needs pressing before cutting, press from the wrong side, using a press cloth. Some dry cleaners will preshrink wools for you if you do not want to take the time to do it yourself.

## Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

YOUR 16-YEAR-OLD daughter comes and tells you she's going to quit school and get married. What are you going to do?

Not a great deal, according to the Rev. W. M. Genn, executive director of the Department of Family Life, National Council of Churches of Christ in America.

Certainly you shouldn't issue manifestos and ultimatums, says this expert, but in many cases parents can talk youngsters into postponement at least, and sometimes of abandonment of such schemes.

One such father, confronted by this problem went to the school principal and asked him if this was common problem.

"You'd be surprised at how many there are every year," was the discouraging answer. "Many are from homes where all is not well between the parents, but in quite a few cases girls come from homes where they are secure and well cared for."

Naturally, everyone asks, "Why?"

Prof. Kingsley Davis, University of California sociologist, says:

"It is part of the widespread movement toward anti-intellectualism, and anti-effort, where the emphasis is upon conformity, rather than upon individual initiative, on security rather than on achievement, on slackness rather than on self-discipline."

All too many high school students today consider school a complete waste of time. In order to achieve at school they must put out more effort than they care to expend.

If they get married—and this is particularly true of girls—they can quit school and live a life of ease! Many boys think they would rather have jobs than have to study.

When it is too late they find that jobs you can get without any education are hard and poorly paid. Girls find being tied down to caring for a family is not so glamorous as they had imagined.

What's the answer? Nobody knows.

Some educators believe that too easy promotion in elementary schools gives youngsters the idea that they can get by with anything. When they get to high school, everything catches up with them, and many of them find it too late to cope with the problem.

Facing reality is one of life's toughest problems. Over-protection of children has never paid off.

## Lucky her

"Jones," said Watson, "is the most conceited, self-satisfied person I've ever known."

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## Carpenter Council is to celebrate 'Apprentice Day'

The need for vigorous, progressive and proficient apprenticeship programs in the wood-working crafts will be the keynote of the annual Apprenticeship Day in conjunction with the 31st annual convention of the California State Council of Carpenters in San Diego February 16.

Speakers will include top figures in labor and management from the nation's capital, guests from our neighboring states, Federal and California leaders, it is announced by C. M. Sanford, Los Angeles, chairman of the Carpenters' State Joint Apprenticeship Committee, who will preside at the session, the most ambitious in the history of the Committee.

The all day meeting will be held in the U. S. Grant Hotel, beginning at 9 a.m. February 16, preceding the four day convention of the State Council, at which more than 300 Delegates will be present.

Major speakers will be Dan MacDonald, apprentice coordinator for the United Association of Plumbers, and Weldon Snow, manager of the building division of the Associated General Contractors of America, both from Washington, D. C. B. R. Mathis, San Francisco, regional director of the Federal Bureau of Apprenticeship Training, will represent the Federal government.

California will be represented by John F. "Jack" Henning, new director of the State Department of Industrial Relations; Charles F. "Chuck" Hanna, chief of the State Division of Apprenticeship Standards; Robert Hill, supervisor State Department of Employment; Samuel L. Fick, chief of the State Bureau of Industrial Education; and Robert A. McGee, director of the State Department of Corrections and California Institution for Men.

Out of State guests include Bill Laing, chairman, Vern Foster, executive secretary, and Robert Barrett, secretary, Arizona State Apprentices Committee; Grant E. Cottam, coordinator of the Nevada Carpenters' Joint Apprentices Committee; Ivor Jones, executive secretary, Oregon State Council of Carpenters; and Paul Rudd, executive secretary, Washington State Council of Carpenters.

The Plumbers, Sheet Metal Workers, Refrigeration Workers, Bricklayers, Machinists and others, will be represented on panels treating with apprenticeship matters, which will be followed by question and answer periods and open discussion.

California's apprenticeship program will be dealt with by Bill Kelly, Bay Counties District Council of Carpenters, and Gordon Littman, coordinator for management, for the four bay counties; and Dean Southerland, Ventura County District Council, and Frank Boyce, labor relations director, Associated General Contractors, for the 11 Southern counties, and others.

ED LOGUE, Machinists 284, reported to the Central Labor Council that the dispute of his union with the firm to which Oakland City Councilman Robert L. Osborne belongs had been amicably settled.

## Songs in honor of labor and in dishonor of Tricky Nixon

A new concept of what the educational director of an international union can be like entered the ears of delegates to the Central Labor Council recently when Joe Glazer got them all to singing to the strumming of his banjo some heartening songs in honor of labor and in dishonor of one Dick Nixon.

Glazer, educational director for the Rubber Workers, thinks the way to get labor people to work together and stick together in a crisis is to have them develop the habit of singing together.

And you should have heard the CLC delegates joining in the chorus of "Solidarity Forever" to the rousing old tune of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," with part of its refrain,

"We can bring to birth a new world,  
For the union makes us strong."

CLC President Russ Crowell joined in with the rest in smashing out the chorus.

Another song in which the delegates joined in the chorus came out of the textile mills where Glazer picked up a chance remark which he turned into marble and gold. An old mill hand engaged in a nine-month strike to get his pay raised from 55 cents an hour to 65 cents was the one who made the remark. The song imagines the old mill hand waking up in heaven

"Where the mill was made of marble  
And the Machines were made out of gold,  
And nobody ever got tired  
And nobody ever grew old."

Glazer claims that some irreverent bard added some lines about how in heaven there were no business agents, "the grievances melted away, and the company paid the dues."

At this point the banjoist said apprehensively that he "hoped there were no business agents in the house!"

You can be sure there was a good one, too, about the No. 1 heel, O'Sullivan, sour to the hearts of the Rubber Workers, but unfortunately this reporter laughed so hard he failed to get any of its words set down.

But this one did get set down, in the song, doubtless by John Milton or Bill Shakespeare, entitled "Y' gotta be union, that's all":

"No matter how much you wash and scrub,  
You can't get clean in a Kohler tub—that's all!"

The one that perhaps excited the most malicious mirth, and that may prove to be handy in 1960, was the one in which Dick Nixon is supposed to be explaining that he used to be bad but now he's all mature and good, so

"I worked in the gutter so assiduously  
That now they say I'm ready for the Presidency!"

There are many more verses, all ending in that dwelt-upon strummed-hard Presidency!

For the past four years Glazer has been working on a book called "Songs of Work and Freedom," of which he said in a leaflet distributed among the delegates:

"This book will have 100 union songs, work songs, protest songs,



JOE GLAZER

and folk songs of social significance. It will have lyrics, music for piano and guitar, and important historical notes. This will be a definitive, major work."

Roosevelt University and a publisher have teamed up to put the book into print. Now a guarantee of \$15,000 worth of books sold is needed to get going. It is hoped that unions will order in quantity the soft-cover edition, \$1.50 per copy for 100 copies or more; \$2 each for orders of less than 100. The hard-cover copies are \$5 apiece. Glazer in the leaflet circulated said that "if insufficient funds are raised all checks will be refunded."

Ed Porreca of the Rubber Workers here accompanied Glazer to the meeting and introduced him to the many delegates who gathered round the banjo balladist after the session.

## Public employment conference Feb. 7

The Institute of Industrial Relations of the University of California at Berkeley is presenting its second annual conference on "Labor Relations in Public Employment" on Saturday, February 7, 1959, at the Hotel Leamington.

The registration fee for the conference will be \$4.00, not including lunch.

All individuals and organizations interested in the increasingly important subject of labor relations in public employment are invited to attend and participate in the conference proceedings, says John Hutchinson, coordinator of labor programs UC Institute of Industrial Relations.

## Labor bill battle starts this week

The first labor bill battle of the 86th Congress opened as Senator John F. Kennedy (D., Mass.) scheduled hearings of his Senate Labor subcommittee for January 27 and filed a slightly revised version of the 1958 Kennedy-Ives anti-corruption bill, which died under the attack of the Eisenhower Administration and business interests after passing the Senate by an 88-to-1 vote.

Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell, said Kennedy, was the first scheduled witness before the subcommittee. — AFLCIO News.

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## CITIES' ELECTIONS, REGISTRATION DATES

Dates of city elections and closing dates for registration: ALAMEDA: Election March 10; registration closed January 15. BERKELEY: Election April 7; registration closes February 12. OAKLAND: Nominating election April 21; registration closes February 26. General election May 19; registration closes March 26.

## Bendel opponent attitude on No. 18

Daisy Mae Iselin, member of Culinary Workers 823, has stated to East Bay Labor Journal that she wishes to comment on the statement attributed to Tony Polvorosa of the Steelworkers in East Bay Labor Journal January 16. Polvorosa was quoted as saying that the same newspapers attacking Ken Steadman and Mrs. Bendel in the recall fight in Fremont City were in favor of No. 18 in the November election.

Mrs. Iselin says that she hopes there was no implication that all those favoring the recall of Fremont City Councilwoman Bendel were in favor of No. 18, for, she says, "I was one of the many union people who worked hard against No. 18, yet I am certainly in favor of recalling Mrs. Bendel."

It should be noted that Polvorosa spoke only about the newspapers in the fight, not of any individuals.

## Ike's 'nostrums' are attacked by the AFLCIO

The economic "nostrums" contained in President Eisenhower's budget and economic messages are a "sure-fire prescription for stagnation," the AFLCIO Economic Policy Committee declared in statement analyzing the two reports to Congress.

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## IAM paper praised 'Goodie' Goodman, Brown appointee

S. G. (Goodie) Goodman, one of the best known IAM officials in the nation, is starting a new career at 63 as Deputy Director of the California Department of Employment. For the past 12 years Goodie has been financial secretary of IAM Lodge 311, is also a lifelong Democrat and one of its most effective leaders in the state.

The Goodmans slept little in the 24 hours following Governor Pat Brown's call from Sacramento offering the post, for it involved moving from their Glendale home where they resided for the past 27 years, and a new life in a new city with greater responsibilities — and opportunities.

This appointment, along with others made by the new Democratic administration in California, is a clear indication that the trade union movement is recognized tangibly for the valuable contributions it makes in all walks of life.

Goodie talks quietly, persuasively as he explains his view of the future of labor in California and in America. He has given many years to the labor movement, and has been an outstanding labor spokesman and worker in community activities. He has been and is still deeply involved in the effort to improve the lives of working men and women.

He also understands the employer's viewpoint. For 10 years he was a partner in a firm manufacturing meters for gasoline pumps. And that was during the great depression. — American Aeronaut.

## Prices drop—some

Showing the first downward break in more than 3 years, the consumer price level in San Francisco dropped 0.4 percent over the September - December quarter, according to Max D. Kossoris, Western Regional Director of the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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## 'Let McClellan probe call girl use by business!'

WASHINGTON — Al J. Hayes, chairman of the AFL-CIO Ethical Practices Committee, has urged the McClellan special Senate committee to launch an immediate probe of the "use of immoral practices" by the nation's giant business corporations.

His call came after a CBS radio network program, "The Business of Sex," in which newscaster Edward R. Murrow revealed reports that prostitution has become a standard "cost" item for big business concerns. Program participants indicated that corporations used call girls to help them in such varied campaigns as persuading bank presidents to make loans and buyers to make purchases in large lots.

Hayes, an AFL-CIO executive council member and president of the Machinists, said he was "shocked" by the Murrow show's disclosures of the extent of the practice of using prostitutes and deducting the cost as a "business" expense.

"I believe," Hayes said, "that these shocking revelations properly come within the purview of the McClellan committee charged with investigating improper activities of both labor and management.

"I trust the McClellan committee will immediately investigate these unethical practices of business corporations in this country." — AFL-CIO News.

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## Steel Machinists 1304

By DAVE ARCA

We've been kidded about addressing some of our remarks to the wives of 1304 members.

It's not as facetious as some may think. More women than men are registered to vote in California. Women resist cold better than men. Women live longer than men. This is a man's world? Don't make me laugh.

According to the papers, even Big Business is using feminine persuasion to lessen the resistance of customers and buyers when a lucrative deal is pending.

Some firms retain these "bedroom bargainers" on their payroll for "public relations."

This seems like a double standard of morality. If carnal sin and prostitution is wrong for the American public, where in our moral code is it right for a corporation?

If providing prostitutes for customers is deductible as a business expense, isn't our government subsidizing prostitution? Isn't ours a government of the people, by the people, and for the people? Aren't we people?

As part of our government I hereby protest tax deductions for the purpose of calculated corruption by unprincipled profiteers.

Whitewashing an exterior may disguise the edifice, but a rotten moral foundation will eventually crumble when exposed to the elements of public opinion. Wow! Was that me?

## Watchmakers Local 101

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

We have received official notice that the fifteenth general convention of the International Jewelry Workers Union will be held in Washington, D. C., the week of May 11. Notices will be sent to all locals during the latter part of February as to the number of delegates they are entitled to.

This should be a very interesting convention, inasmuch as there are important issues to be resolved by the delegates in attendance at the convention.

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It's another girl for the Clifford Patten family. Baby Christian Louise was born on Tuesday, January 13 and weighed 6 pounds 14 ounces. Cliff who is the watchmaker at Molkenbuhr Bros. can now boast of being the proud papa of two girls and one prospective watchmaker.

Congratulations Cliff and Mrs. Patten—from all of us.

This week we have two items for sale and one item wanted:

Charles Jaeger has an L & R Automatic with ultrasonic attachment. This machine is practically new and is offered for sale at a reasonable price. If interested phone brother Jaeger at Ju 8-4568 or Ox 7-8731.

Herbert Ristrem has a small safe that he wishes to sell. It too can be had at a reasonable price. The safe measures 36" x 24" x 22". If interested telephone bro. Ristrem at Yu 2-4855.

Clifford Patten is desirous of buying a used lathe. If anyone has one, or knows where one is for sale, please contact bro. Patten at Yu 6-6081.

## Typographical Auxiliary

By DOROTHY SPORKIN

Over the hills and far away to Katherine Allen's house we went that day of our meeting on January 8. After going blocks out of our way and driving back and forth on the street it was a relief to get into the warm hospitality of Katherine's home especially as it started to rain.

It has been very nice having our meetings at the homes of our members, but as always it falls on the shoulders of the same few who have the room, and the distances are sometimes so great, it was voted we try meeting for a year at least in a more central location. So our next meeting on Thursday February 5, 10:30 a.m. will be in the beautiful new Oakland Jewish Community Center, 3245 Sheffield Avenue. It is centrally located, accessible from any part of the city. Bus 15 or 57 will take you right to the Center. Sheffield Avenue is directly across the street from the Altheim (OLD AGE HOME) on 1720 MacArthur Blvd. We are really looking forward to having large attendances.

The motif for our meeting will be "hearts and flowers" and the hostesses Mary Stapleton and your correspondent are planning an enjoyable morning, so please do not fail to come to our new headquarters and bring your sandwiches. A reminder, Saturday, January 31, 8 p.m. we will have our whist party, at the Park Blvd. Clubhouse, bring your friends and husbands.

Thank you, Katherine, very much for your hospitality and good hot coffee, and Ermine for the delicious cream puffs.

## Carpenters Auxiliary

By JULIA SJOBERG

January 9 — Erna Jenkins was hostess to the Ladies Auxiliary No. 160 at a delightful Social held at her home at 554 Alcatraz Avenue. Those that enjoyed the pleasant evening were: Flo Bartalini, Veronica Walsh, Alta Benonys, Marie Lyons, Anna Elvin, Martha Light, Bea Cameron, Dora Holder, Eleanore Clapp, Jo Wheeler, Diana Holder, Vertie

Neuman, Agnes Anderson, and Julia Sjoborg. Guests were Dorothy Haefner, Susan Haefner and Marilyn Holder.

January 15 — Those that attended the Sewing Night and White Elephant Party at the home of Mary Nall 1655 - 81st Avenue, were Flo Bartalini, Agnes Anderson, Alta Benonys, Eleanore Clapp, Anna Elvin, Aline Haake, Bea Cameron, Martha Light, Tress Flanigan and Julia Sjoborg. Guests were Dorothy Haefner, Susan Haefner and Laura Osborne. Martha Light won the door prize. Our hostess served us with delicious pie with whipped cream and coffee and evening was enjoyed by all.

February 13 — Special called meeting to discuss affiliating with the State District Council, also we will have our Social and Business meeting combine at the home of Jo Wheeler, 3520 May Court, Oakland, at 8 p.m.

February 19 — Sewing night home of Bea Cameron 3108 Coolidge Avenue, 8 p.m.

February 28 — Rummage Sale all day—470 - 9th Street, Oakland. If you have any article you no longer care for please call Kellog 3-7893 or bring it with you.

A sincere New Year's greetings to all, and reminding everyone to try and attend our meetings a little more regularly, as we would like to make our Ladies Auxiliary shine in 1959.

## Painters Local No. 127

By J. S. MILLER

**SPECIAL NOTICE** to all members who have not applied for their vacation pay for the year of 1957:

All members apply for their vacation pay before March 31 1959 or that money will revert to the vacation fund. You will not be able to collect vacation pay for 1957 after March 31, 1959. Please notify your brother members who do not come to the meetings or read East Bay Labor Journal.

It was gratifying to see and hear the members present at the last meeting speak on a number of changes to the agreement which will be submitted to the negotiating committee.

The District Council has set a deadline for submission of changes as of February 15 so please get your changes as soon as possible.

The old question of civil service employees doing outside work has come up again, this time in Berkeley and Alameda.

Berkeley wants to paint the insides of their firehouses by firemen, with the excuse that they are their living quarters and should be allowed to paint them, and also they should be kept busy or they may lose their morale.

Of course the painter, carpenter and other building tradesmen to whom this work rightfully belongs and who helps pay their salaries have no morale to lose.

The same goes for Alameda when they start letting contracts to firemen to do work on their days off, and to the best of our knowledge with no license of any kind.

Next meeting February 12 to nominate and elect delegates to the State Conference of Painters. It looks like there will be a number of members who will have no insurance after January 31. Take a look at your due book.

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## Sheet Metal Local 216

By LLOYD CHILD

Sheet Metal Workers who desire to advance themselves in the trade should make arrangements to attend classes that are going to be available at the trade school.

The Sheet Metal Contractors' Association have, at considerable expense and time, made arrangements for this course of instruction. The following information has been supplied from the Contractors' Association:

"Classes in Forced Air Heating and Air Conditioning sponsored by the Furnace Dealers & Sheet Metal Contractors Association of Oakland at the Oakland Junior College Laney Evening Trade School in Oakland will begin their Spring term on February 3.

The purpose of this course is to teach members of the sheet metal industry the basic principles and application of heating and air conditioning in residential and light commercial installations. Course of instruction includes heat gain and heat loss calculations, duct sizing and layout, selection of equipment and controls. A service lab, to be included in the course, is now being set up. Equipment for the lab will consist of heating and air conditioning equipment, blowers, fans, controls and testing equipment. Various generous manufacturers are donating most of the equipment for purposes of instruction.

Instructor for the present course will be Elliott Nichols who proved a very able instructor last fall and shows a sincere interest in teaching the course.

Everyone in the sheet metal industry is urged to attend classes."

The Contractors' Association further states that the committee to handle details are as follows: Jule H. Moeller from East Bay Sheet Metal Works, Highgate 4-4100; Robert Lockey from Oakland Sheet Metal Supply, Highgate 4-2075; Steve Ish from Slakey Bros., Lockhaven 9-9212 and Ray Peterson from A. R. Peterson and Sons, ELgin 1-5020.

Classes are to be held, Part I on Tuesday evening and Part II on Thursday evening. Classes are of three hours duration. I would personally suggest that you contact Jule H. Moeller of East Bay Sheet Metal as he is the Chairman of the group.

## Chips and Chatter

By AL THOMAS

The committee of Business Agents and Conference Board met Monday for a long session. Some progress can be reported.

For the benefit of our brothers who don't realize it we have Credit Unions of Locals 1158 Berkeley, 1622 Hayward and newest now Local 36 Oakland. They are good places to save and borrow and help yourself and your brother at the same time.

The stewards meeting next month 3rd Thursday will have a class on power actuated tools. If you are interested be there at our hall in the basement.

## CLC delegates seated

The following delegates were obligated by Central Labor Council Russ Crowell at the meeting this week: William Crokin, Letter Carriers 76; William Barr Operating Engineers 3.

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## AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,  
A. J. HAYES,  
Recording Secretary

## AUTOMOBILE SALESMEN 1095

Please be advised that the next regular meeting of Automobile Salesmen 1095, will be held February 5, 1959 at 8:00 p.m.

Location: Cooks Hall, 1608 Webster street, Oakland. All members should attend this meeting.

Fraternally,  
ALBERT R. SILVA,  
Secretary

## CARPENTERS 1158

Berkeley Local 1158 meets at 2108 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley on the second and fourth Friday of each month at 8:00 p.m.

Fraternally,  
H. B. RICHARDSON,  
Recording Secretary

## CARPENTERS 194, 1158 & 1473

The Business Agents' and Dispatchers' office is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, room 232, phone TWinoaks 3-1120.

## CARPENTERS 36

Unless otherwise specified regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8 p.m. at Carpenters Hall, 761 - 12th Street, Oakland, California.

A special award of \$25.00 will be made at our next meeting which will be held Friday at 8 p.m., January 30, 1959 at Carpenters Hall, 761 - 12th Street, Oakland, Calif. We hope that this award will promote better attendance at our meetings. Please be in attendance.

Fraternally yours,  
OSCAR N. ANDERSON,  
Recording Secretary

## HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

Again a special meeting will be called to order Friday night February 6, 1959. The order of business will be the election of delegates to the California State Conference of Painters to be held in the Hotel Sainte Claire, in San Jose from February 27 through March 1, 1959. Let's have a good turn-out at this election of the delegates meeting.

Fraternally yours,  
ROBERT G. MILLER,  
Recording Secretary

## HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

Unless otherwise specified regular meetings will be held at the Labor Temple 1050 Mattox Road, Hayward, each Friday at 8 p.m.

The Local has arranged a special service for members by assigning one office girl to help members with problems concerned with Health and Welfare, Workman's Compensation, Disability and Unemployment Insurance, Pensions, Vacation pay and other problems pertaining to benefits obtained through negotiations with the employer. These services may be had commencing February 3, 1959, each Tuesday and Thursday of every

week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The members are advised to take advantage of this special planned service. The office has found that some members have not made applications or have delayed making applications with the result they have not received the benefits to which they are entitled.

Fraternally yours,  
MARIUS WALDAL,  
Recording Secretary

## STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Next regular meeting, Thursday, February 5 at 8:00 p.m.

Executive board meets at 6:30. Nominations for three trustees of Local 1304 Burial Fund.

Fraternally yours,  
DAVE ARCA,  
Recording Secretary

## PAINTERS LOCAL 127

Attention all members: The next meeting of the local is a Special Called Meeting for February 12, 1959. We will have three nominations and election of three delegates to the State Conference of Painters Convention.

### SPECIAL NOTE:

Any member who has not applied for his last year's Vacation Plan must apply before March 31, 1959 or he could lose his money.

The Agreement Committee is still open for suggestions for changes in the new agreement.

Fraternally yours,  
EDGAR S. GULBRANSEN,  
Recording Secretary

## BERKELEY PAINTERS LOCAL 40

Our next regular meeting of February 13, 1959 has been designated a Special Called meeting for the purpose of nominating and electing delegates to the California State Conference of Painters convention to be held in San Jose, February 27 through March 1, 1959.

Any members who wish to submit changes in the Bay Area agreement must put them in writing and send to our office at 2051 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley, California before February 15, 1959, also any members who have not drawn their 1958 vacation money must do so by March 31, 1959.

Please make every effort to attend this important meeting. Our new TV has been installed. Come early and watch the fights.

Fraternally yours,  
CLARENCE SLATER,  
Recording Secretary

## HAYWARD CULINARY 823

The next regular meeting will be held at union headquarters at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 3.

Fraternally,  
ROY WOODS,  
Secretary-Treasurer

## AUTO & SHIP PAINTERS 1176

A regular meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 3, in Hall D of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland.

Fraternally,  
LESLIE K. MOORE,  
Business Representative

## CO. SCHOOL EMPLOYEES 257

The next regular meeting will be held at 1918 Grove Street, Oakland, on February 7, 1959, at 2:00 p.m.

The Executive Board will meet at 10:30 a.m.

Fraternally,  
JOE FALLS,  
Secretary

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## CLC executives at Golden Grain shop spark negotiating

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being released, and Galliano remarked that "it's the quickest case of the sort I ever remember handling."

What worried the Proposition 18 Gazette was why CLC people were at the plant observing the situation, when the striking union had some time since been severed from its affiliation with the council due to orders from AFLCIO President Meany in connection with the ousting of the parent union.

But Herb Denk, business representative of the striking union, put the matter very simply when he appeared before the CLC delegates that evening:

"We knew perfectly well we weren't part of the council any more, but we knew the Central Labor Council doesn't approve of scabs taking the places of union people on strike."

So Herb asked 'em to come down and see what would happen.

There had been reports that a whole new contingent of strikebreakers was headed for the plant.

After everybody left the jail, negotiations were resumed between the management and the strikers' representatives. And when the CLC meeting adjourned Monday night, President Crowell said from the chair that it would be pleasant to have the Executive Committee meet again at 6:30 the next morning at the plant to take some more observations.

## Labor urges Fremont vote

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clared itself neutral in the hot campaign, but later voted to rescind this neutrality, on the ground that Flegal, the candidate backed by the recallers, had shown an anti-union attitude.

Steadman told the CLC delegates that at the next meeting, Monday, February 2, he might have some additional facts about the recall campaign to reveal. On motion of Pete Cermelli, Paint Makers 1101, it was voted to give Steadman time at the CLC election meeting time to speak on the subject, even though the decks are being cleared for the election on that date.

## Secretary Mitchell not for forced arbitration

WASHINGTON — Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell declared himself "definitely opposed" to revision of the Railway Labor Act to provide "compulsory arbitration" to prevent strikes in the air transport and rail industries.

Speaking at the first annual safety awards dinner of the Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen here, Mitchell said the imposition of compulsory arbitration, as recommended by some "impatient critics," would lead to "government domination" of labor-management relations. — AFLCIO News.

## Bernice Cooper's open letter to 'letter-to-editor' writer

An OPEN LETTER to  
SHIRLEY A. KUEHNHOLD  
646 Gatewood Street  
Irvington, California

Dear Sister Kuehnhold:

I have before me several copies of the January 2, 1959, edition of East Bay Labor Journal which had been mailed to my office by members of my own Local Union 595 of Richmond and by other good trade unionists of Alameda County and have urged me to respond to your article addressed to the "EDITOR LABOR JOURNAL" in that issue.

In all my past twenty-three years as a representative of the Culinary Workers Union of Richmond, I have never felt that the internal affairs of a labor union should be publicized in the newspapers and now entering my fourth month of my twenty-four years has not changed my thinking in any way on the subject matter; however, I deemed it necessary to respond to your letter and therefore, taking this means to do so to set the record straight.

Members who fail to attend the UNION meetings of their Local and express their opinions within the halls of the general membership convocation should think twice before publicizing their dissatisfaction with the activities of the Union. During the EIGHT months (Jan. 9 to Aug. 30, 1958) you were a member of Local 595, Richmond, THREE (3) QUARTERLY general membership meetings were called to order by the president of the union, but the record fails to show your name on the Roll Call, a personal signed register.

When you paid the Assessment of \$2.00 levied by the vote of the membership for the "RIGHT TO WORK" fight in last year's election, you should have "spouted off" at that time and paid same under PROTEST, then a fair and just hearing could have been had with you and the Executive Board of Local 595 and all parties concerned would have spoken their mind; and as in all democratically "run" organizations, the majority rules and it then becomes a mandate of the officers of the UNION to carry it through, which is done in 595. You state in your letter and I quote, "The paper also made plenty of stink about this assessing of members. Here again the union reputation did not go up." I and my family are deep readers but we failed to find the paper that wrote about the assessment. Would you see that we receive a "copy" of same? Thanks.

I am not going to apologize for our waitress's wage rate, it being \$8.30 per seven and one half (7½) hour day and \$8.89 for the same hours on a night shift, this being comparable with all other local's in the area; your statement they need a raise in pay and we should go on an all out strike to make the employers come across with higher pay. WOULD YOU "HIT THE BRICKS" if a strike was called? You never attended a UNION meeting therefore you would be the first one to criticize if a strike was voted upon by the membership and without

a doubt, would be the reluctant one to come out. Your own words, "I am 100% behind the unions" after making so many flagrant misstatements of facts amuses me very much. When you worked in our Local Union, your wages started out with in January of 1958 at \$12.32 per 7½ hour shift; then to \$12.69; then to \$14.46 and then to \$16.82 within the space of eight months employment as a GRIDDLE COOK. I took the liberty to call upon your past employer and received a detailed "copy" of your entire weekly wage rates, so I am speaking with authority.

Incidentally, a good UNION member, as you claim to be, does not solicit their own jobs in a UNION town or City, they first go to their UNION HALL and leave the local know they are in the labor market for a job, but not YOU, you come and go as you please and after the business agent runs you off the job, you then come to the office for a clearance. Only as recently as January 10, 1959, the business agent had to run you off the job in our area, although your membership is in the Hayward Culinary Workers Union, so work in Richmond must NOT be so bad after all.

My closing remarks must commend Brother John F. Quinn of Bartenders Local 52 for his follow-up statement over your misstatements and criticism of unions without having the full knowledge of what you are speaking of. Perhaps the next time you desire to "spout off" in the press, you will take the time to get FACTS.

Fraternally yours,  
(MRS.) BERNICE A. COOPER  
Secretary-Treasurer,  
Culinary Local Union 595

## Vallejo Teachers spaghetti benefit

February 7, is the date set for the fourth annual benefit dinner given by the Vallejo Federation of Teachers, AFT Local 826, AFLCIO. All funds raised by this dinner go for scholarship awards to outstanding graduating students who are training to be teachers.

The spaghetti dinner will be served in the cafeteria of the Vallejo Senior High School from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., adults \$1.50, children \$1.00.

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## 1958 employment in State only 1% less than in '57

California nonagricultural employment in 1958 averaged out slightly under the 1957 record level, John F. Henning, California Director of Industrial Relations, announces.

The 1958 average of 4,449,900 nonfarm wage and salary workers compares with a 1957 average of 4,481,000, representing a difference of less than 1 percent.

Recovery in the final eight months of 1958 from the recession low in April 1958 carried nonagricultural employment in December to an all-time high.

The California Index of Non-agricultural Employment, adjusted for seasonal variation, reached a record high of 145.1 in December 1958 (1947-49=100). This compares with 141.3 at the recession low in April 1958 and the previous high of 144.9 established in June of 1957.

The record nonfarm total of 4,604,600 employees in December was up by 69,700, or 1.5 percent, over the year, and by 56,400 from the previous all-time December high recorded in 1956.

Not all industries, however, have shared in these gains. Employment in the goods-producing and transporting industries — manufacturing, transportation — communication — utilities, construction, and mineral extraction — remained substantially below the high levels of two years ago. The rise over December 1956 resulted from gains in the four nongoods — producing divisions — government, services, finance, and trade.

## Bay Area record on civil rights

During 1958, local governments in the Bay Area concerned themselves actively with civil rights.

The Marin County Board of Supervisors last spring appointed a citizens' Committee on Racial Discrimination to investigate the racial bars to equal opportunity in housing. The group has been holding hearings and collecting data on evidence of discrimination. In the course of its work, the Committee supported the inclusion in the proposed county charter of a provision for a commission on human relations. However, the proposed charter was defeated in the November elections.

In December, the San Jose City Council passed an ordinance establishing a seven-member Human Relations Commission of the City of San Jose. The ordinance, which becomes effective in January, provides for open hearings, availability of the city attorney for investigating complaints, and cooperation with other city agencies. The Commissioners are appointed to represent business, industry, religious groups, labor, the professions, minority groups, and the community at large.

The San Mateo City Council on December 15 directed the City Attorney to draw up a fair employment practices ordinance for Council action in January. If adopted, the ordinance will become effective thirty days thereafter. — **Council for Civic Unity.**

## Musicians launch drive to restore 'live music'

**NEW YORK** — A \$75,000 newspaper, radio and television campaign in which Judy Holliday, Jimmie Durante and Jackie Gleason are participating has been launched by Musicians Local 802 as part of its drive to create more employment by reminding people of what they miss when they don't listen to "live" music. — **AFLCIO News.**

## Election for CLC Executive Committee will be held Feb. 2

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marek, Culinary Alliance 31; Jack Tobler, United Auto Workers 1031.

Additional nominations for the Executive Committee, made at the January 26 meeting, were: Don Finnie, Butchers 120; C. P. Dellums, Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters; Charles Garoni, Carpet & Linoleum Layers 1290.

Kenneth Crosswell, CWA, nominated January 19, declined the nomination.

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Community Services Committee as now constituted will handle the functions of the former three separate groups, Community Services, Civil Rights, and Education. Following are the 11 nominations for the 10 places on the committee made at the January 19 meeting:

Charlie Garoni, Carpet and Linoleum Layers 1290; Dave Arca, Steelworkers 1304; Dan Sweeney, Letter Carriers 76; George Stokes, Oakland Federation of Teachers 771; Ruth Suhling, Communications Workers 9415; Elizabeth Mackin, Retail Food Clerks 870; Jody Kerrigan, Culinary Alliance 31; Charles Wells, Steelworkers 1798; Marshall Thorpe, Printing Specialties 382; Gus Billy, Textile Workers 146; Marvin Edwards, Painters 127.

Additional nominations for the Community Services Committee, made at the January 26 meeting, were: Paul Katz, representing Cemetery Workers 322; Chester L. McMonagle, Automotive Machinists 1546; C. L. Dellums, Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

Declining nomination for this committee was Jody Kerrigan, Culinary 31.

### INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

Following are the 10 nominations for 8 spots on the Investigating Committee:

Robert Smith, Steelworkers 1304; Tony Polvorosa, Steelworkers 4468; Paul Katz, Cemetery Workers 322; George Thomas, Automotive Machinists 1546; Ed Logue, Machinists 284; James Allen, Mailers 18; Harry Alexander, Retail Food Clerks 870; E. F. McNamara, Fire Fighters 55; James Hudson, Oakland News Vendors 768; Ed Jencks, Steelworkers 4468.

Additional nominations for the Investigating Committee, made at the January 26 meeting, were: William Devine, Department & Specialty Store Employees; Len Lawson, Communication Workers 9415; Ben Marshall, Rubber Workers 64; Al Thoman, Carpenters 36.

Declining nominations for this committee were Paul Katz, representing the Cemetery Workers, and Ed Jencks, Steelworkers 4468.

### LAW & LEGISLATION

Following are the 6 nominations for 5 places on the Law & Legislation Committee:

Robert S. Ash, Retail Food Clerks 870; Dorothy McDaid, Steelworkers 1798; E. H. Vernon, Automotive Machinists 1546; Harris Wilkin, Retail Food Clerks 870; Hazel Newton, Amalgamated Clothing Workers 42; Ethel Jo Edwards, Offset Reproduction Artisans 473.

No new nominations for the Law & Legislative Committee were made at the January 26 meeting.

### NEWSPAPER COMMITTEE

The 4 nominations for the 5 places on the Labor Paper Advisory Committee were:

Charles Garoni, Carpet and Linoleum Layers 1290; W. Douglas Geldert, Building Service Employees 18; DeWayne Williams, Automotive Machinists 1546; Robert S. Ash, Retail Food Clerks 870.

Additional nominations for the Labor Paper Advisory Com-

mittee, made at the January 26 meeting, were: Ed Reith, Cemetery Employees 322; Leslie K. Moore, Auto & Ship Painters 1176; David Grundmann, San Francisco-Oakland Mailers 18.

After the January 26 meeting Charles Garoni and David Grundmann withdrew their nominations as candidates for the Labor Paper Advisory Committee.

### UNION LABEL COMMITTEE

The 8 nominations for the 15 places on the Union Label Committee were:

C. Roy Heinrichs, Typographical 36; Jack Endress, Bill Posters 44; Al Kidder, Department & Specialty Store Employees 1265; Ruth Suhling, Communications Workers 9415; David Grundmann, Mailers 18; John Ferro, Printing Specialties 382; Everett Davis, Butchers 120; Julia Brilliant, Amalgamated Clothing Workers 42.

The following additional nominations were made at the January 26 meeting for the Union Label Committee: E. A. Coe, Butchers 120; Ed Jencks, Steelworkers 4468; Howell Frazier, Carpenters 36; Ernest Andrews, Automotive Machinists 1546; Ray Geiger, Printing Specialties 382; Paul Folden, Bookbinders 31-125; Don Fernandes, Rubber Workers 64; Mark Billings, Tool & Die Makers 1176; James Rice, Stereotypers 29.

### DECLINED JANUARY 19

The following, expressing thanks for being nominated turned down nominations at the January 19 meeting:

Investigating — Joe Hightower, Carpenters 36; William Castlebury, Carmen 192; Jack Faber, Cooks 228.

Law & Legislation — Jack Long, Steelworkers 1304; Carl Rose, Steelworkers 5004.

Newspaper Committee — Dave Arca, Steelworkers 1304; Arthur R. Hellender, Communications Workers 9412; Charles Jones, Retail Food Clerks 870.

Union Label — Dave Arca Steelworkers 1304; Hazel Newton, Amalgamated Clothing Workers 42; Edrie Wright, Culinary Alliance 31.

### ELECTION COMMITTEE

The Election Committee which will conduct the election February was named by the council as follows: Millie Castelluccio, Laundry Workers 2; Joseph Souza, Clerks & Lumber Handlers 939; Joseph Hightower, Carpenters 36; Don Crosman, Auto Machinists 1546; Dan Breault, Department & Specialty Store Employees 1265; Jody Kerrigan, Culinary Alliance 31; Lou Costa, UC Employees 371.

## Here's top union label story of the year; read it and agree that it is

Albert (Buck) Yow Business Representative of Ironworkers Local 492, Nashville, has been lying near death for some two weeks.

Last Saturday morning the doctors decided that Brother Yow should have a little milk for nourishment.

"Is it union?" Buck asked.

When told that it was a brand Buck knew was not processed and delivered by members of organized labor, he reportedly said: "Well, I won't drink it then! I've come too far to start drinking non-union milk now!"

Hospital attendants went scurrying out for some milk from a company which operate under union contracts. — **Chattanooga Labor World.**

**WHIST PARTY** is being held by the Typographical Auxiliary Saturday, January 31, at 8 p.m. at the Park Boulevard Clubhouse. Anyone interested is invited.

## Best story told at Carpenter meet

Many good stories were told at the 28th General Convention of the Carpenters. However, in our opinion, the best one was told by Second Vice President O. Wm. Blaier at the Second District Dinner.

It concerned a carpenter who worked non-union all his life. He followed the trade 40 years and never once joined the union. Finally he became ill and the doctor told him that death was only a few weeks off.

As is natural in such situations, he began giving his wife instructions as to what she should do in preparation for his exit from earth.

"Go to the undertakers," he said, "and pick out a suitable casket. Pick out a lot at the cemetery and then go to the union hall and hire six union carpenters to act as pall bearers."

"For Heaven's sake," replied the wife, "I can understand the casket and cemetery lot, but why the union pall bearers. All your life you worked non-union; why do you want union members to be pall bearers?"

"Well," replied the guy, "they carried me all my life so they may as well finish the job." — **The Carpenter.**

## What does CWMFY mean? Nothing, Sir

During the recent campaign many of those who received the lively bulletins of an organization entitled CWMFY wondered what those letters stood for.

In a post-election announcement the organization explains: "CWMFY is the third row of keys on the linotype keyboard and the letters stand for nothing."

The organization, which declares itself to be "a non-profit California corporation composed of members of the graphic arts and allied crafts," says in the same post-election bulletin:

"The Democratic sweep can be both gratifying and frightening; the success both in this State and over the Nation carries with it great responsibility. If the newly elected turn in a creditable job, the GOP will not recover for 20 years; if the Demos become spoilers the fruits of victory will be short lived. Only time will tell which circumstance will eventuate. We who are not interested in aggrandizement of any sort and only consumed with good government can only sit on the sidelines and hope."

## Scholarship set by Bottle Blowers

A scholarship for graduates of the high schools of the Oakland, San Leandro, and Hayward High School Districts, offered by Local 155, Glass Bottle Blowers Union, has been announced by Rock La Fleche, County Superintendent of Schools. La Fleche praised the union and its president James B. Gordon, for their support of education through the scholarship and commended the procedures which they followed to establish the fund.

The announcement to the districts states that a fifty dollar award will be made each year to a graduate of one of the high schools in the Oakland, San Leandro, and Hayward Union High School Districts. The award will be given to a student definitely planning to attend college and for whom this award would provide additional needed funds.

**Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it!**

## New York Times in praise of unions' war against bias

The recently published illustrated booklet "We Open the Gates," written by Harry Fleischman and James Rorty, is a refreshing antidote to the poisonous diet of racial prejudice which the public has to take in the news these days. It is a collection of moving stories about advances in the fight of organized labor on racial and religious discrimination—in factories and hotels, on farms and railroads, in stores and telephone centrals. The exhibits have been garnered in a two-year survey by eight of the unions which are leading the crusade—including the Automobile, Electrical and Steelworkers unions, the Meat Cutters and the Retail Store Union—in cooperation with the American Jewish Committee.

Most striking of the report's conclusions is that Southern workers are moving "gradually, effectively toward an integrated labor movement." The unions are promoting it in all parts of the country—by the elimination of their own racial barriers to membership, by working for the inclusion of prohibitions on discrimination in collective bargaining agreements and by rank-and-file enlightenment. In all of this they have the encouragement and support of the Civil Rights Committee of the AFLCIO, dedicated to the principle of "full and equal participation by each member in the affairs of union self-government."

All through these true stories runs a theme far too little understood by those who favor racial barriers. Fears of the results of equality are shown in case after case to have been pure imagination. Whites and Negroes do get along together when they are permitted to, and jobs given Negroes on the basis of merit and skill do not necessarily cause ill-will. But the stories show also that only through patient effort of union local leaders, working closely with the members, can the barriers be broken down.

"We Open the Gates" is good—and easy—reading, especially for those who are interested in organized labor and American civil rights. (It can be had for 35 cents from the National Labor Service, 386 Fourth Avenue, New York 16.) — **New York Times.**

## Agencies ethics code is demanded

**WASHINGTON** — A special House subcommittee has called for a code of ethics for federal regulatory agencies, backed up by stiff laws providing fines and jail sentences for anyone — including federal officials — attempting to exert improper pressure on these agencies.

At the same time the subcommittee headed by Rep. Oren Harris (D., Ark.) recommended that the 86th Congress authorize a continuation of its investigations that already have resulted in the resignations under fire of former White House Aide Sherman Adams and Federal Communications Commissioner Richard A. Mack.

In its report, the subcommittee said it had uncovered "fundamental weaknesses" in its investigation of the FCC, Civil Aeronautics Board, Federal Power Commission, Federal Trade Commission, Interstate Commerce Commission and the Securities and Exchange Commission. Failure to correct these weaknesses, the report continued, "will lead to lack of public confidence in the efficiency and integrity of the administration of law by commissions." — **AFLCIO News.**



## The 220,000 who didn't get hurt in 8-year period

Edward P. Park, former director of the California Department of Industrial Relations, said in a recent issue of the California Safety News:

One thing that sometimes discourages those who take part in the never-ending campaign for on-the-job safety is that there is no precise measure of the complete results and accomplishments of safety efforts.

However, these results and accomplishments are undeniably great, even though they are expressed in several ways that cannot be linked together by a common denominator.

We know that the results are tremendous, apart from better morale of workers and greater quality and quantity of production.

One tangible financial gain to employers from sound accident-prevention efforts is too often overlooked—their enormous savings in workmen's compensation costs.

During 1950, when the first Governor's Industrial Safety Conference was held, 42 out of every thousand workers suffered disabling injuries on the job. This rate (which in itself was a welcome decline from the 1943 rate of 51 injuries per thousand workers) has been steadily whittled away, and the figure for 1958 is expected to be about 31 injuries per thousand workers, the lowest in our history.

If the 1950 injury rate had remained unchanged in the following eight years (1951 through 1958), there would have been 220,000 more disabling injuries in the eight-year period than actually occurred.

In dollars and cents, the reduction in the injury rate since the first Governor's Industrial Safety Conference in California has meant a saving to employers of at least \$270,000,000 in workmen's compensation costs alone! — according to calculations of the Division of Labor Statistics and Research.

## Miller & Cohelan ask new Judgeship

Alameda County Congressmen George P. Miller and Jeffery Cohelan have joined in introducing a resolution in the House of Representatives proposing the creation of a federal court to serve the East Bay Area.

The resolution, H. J. Res. 160, would provide residents of Oakland, Berkeley and nearby cities and their attorneys with long-overdue federal court facilities. The resolution calls for establishing a new judicial district and would require a federal judge to sit in the East Bay.

At the present time, the nearest federal court is located in San Francisco. Processing of routine legal matters within the jurisdiction of the federal courts requires costly and inconvenient journeys to and from San Francisco.

The only expenses involved in the proposal to give the East Bay its own federal court would be in providing salaries and courtroom and office space.

## Rubber Workers name organization director

AKRON, Ohio — The Rubber Workers have announced the appointment of George Burdon of Chicago, a staff member in District 4, in the Midwest, as international director of organization.

The URW also named Carl F. Swartz of Akron as director of District 1, which covers Ohio. — AFLCIO News.

## Invasion by valley outfits' non-unionists noted by BTC

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mittee a delegate from a union which does not subscribe to East Bay Labor Journal. Childers is a member of Plasterers 112, which doesn't subscribe. Before the appointment of Childers at the last meeting there was discussion of a resolution proposed by Carpenters 36 that no man should sit on the Newspaper Advisory Committee unless his union subscribed to the paper.

The Board of Business Agents had recommended filing this, and the delegates after discussion voted to sustain the recommendation.

During the discussion Louis E. Wilson of Carpenters 36 argued that any member of the newspaper committee should come from a union helping to support the paper by subscribing to it.

BTC Vice President Al Thoman said that while some unions don't subscribe to the paper they do have all their printing work done by the Journal Press, owned by East Bay Labor Journal, which in turn is owned by the Building Trades Council and the Central Labor Council. Anders Larsen, Carpenters 36, said he could see no reason why a man should sit on the newspaper Committee whose union didn't subscribe.

Jones, whose place on the committee, as previously mentioned, Childers will take, said that when he resigned he had been on the committee 15 years, that his union did not subscribe for the full membership, and that no question had been raised about his right to sit on the board. His union, he added, does support the Journal Press. Why, he wished to know, "this sudden outcry" about the qualifications of men whose unions didn't take the paper?

S. E. Rockwell, Electricians 595, said that his union takes the paper for only part of the membership. The paper belongs to the two councils, he pointed out, but it is not mandatory to take the paper. If taking the paper is to be made mandatory, why stop there? Why not make it mandatory to support the Journal Press?

Bruce Dillashaw, Cement Masons, said that his union for a time did not subscribe to the paper, but got a dues increase, and now subscribes because it wishes to, not because it feels that it is mandatory.

Anders Larsen said that he did not feel the Journal Press had to be included in the argument.

John Dunick, Carpenters 1622, said that his union had gone without the paper for some years, but when the struggle over Proposition 18 came up, the local subscribed. Not all the members had yet developed the habit of reading it, he said, but the number that did was increasing. It takes time, he said, for members and their wives to develop the habit. At first, in his own home, his wife paid no attention to it. But he pointed out articles on the women's page which he thought would interest her, and first thing he knew she was reading not only that page but articles on other pages and was asking questions about some of the things she read.

"If a union subscribes, and it keeps coming to the house, they'll get to reading it," summarized Dunick.

Wilson said that he resented any insinuations that the Carpenters were trying to tell the council what to do about the paper or anything else, and that they might pick up their marbles and leave if their ideas weren't carried out. He said the Carpenters weren't trying to boss the council, and had no intention of leaving.

He said that he had made the motion at a Carpenters 36 meet-

ing to adopt the resolution about East Bay Labor Journal's advisory board, and that he did it solely because he thought it was a sound policy to have on the newspaper committee only men whose unions took the paper.

The letter from the Metal Trades Council protesting an editorial in East Bay Labor Journal was referred to the newspaper committee. The letter was recently printed in full in East Bay Labor Journal.

### CREDENTIALS

Fred J. Rea was seated as a delegate from Millwrights 102. Others seated or reelected for the new term were Marvin Edwards, Painters 127; Con Silveria, Roofers 81; James Davis and Bruce Dillashaw, Cement Masons.

### CITY OF HOPE

A donation to the City of Hope was authorized.

### AERO-JET MAINTENANCE

Childers reported that the Sacramento BTC had asked about D. W. Nicholson, an Alameda County contractor, who will be hiring between 150 and 400 workers on maintenance for the Aero-Jet Company in Sacramento. Childers said that he had arranged a meeting between the Sacramento BTC representative and Nicholson. The Machinists, he said, have the production work in the big plant.

"Blackie" Miller remarked that some years ago in that plant the Machinists took over part of the painters, and that in the ensuing dispute the Painters Union lost half their men at the plant and spent a lot of money in the fight.

### ACCOUSTICAL JOB

Childers said that a conference had been held successfully to settle a discussion between the Carpenters and the Plasterers on an accoustical job.

### PLEASANTON SCHOOL

The presence of a nonunion contractor at the Amador high school in Pleasanton, Childers reported, had been ironed out, and a discussion there as to whether Plumbers or Iron Workers did certain work had been settled.

### STUDENTS' WORK

Tony Sanzo of the Glaziers suggested that since the business men annually entertain the teachers by showing them their plants and offices, why shouldn't unions invite high school and college students to their meetings to get them acquainted with unionism? It was agreed that this and helping students to get work in summer by liberalizing initiation and dues requirements would be discussed more fully later. Paul Jones and Louis Wilson told the steps the Laborers and Carpenters, respectively, have already taken.

### GOLDEN GATE AUTHORITY

Childers reported attending a conference at which California Labor Federation Secretary C. J. Haggerty and Edgar Kaiser of the Bay Area Council were present, to discuss the proposed Golden Gate Authority, a super-agency which would have jurisdiction over all transportation, bridges, airports, etc., to meet problems beyond the scope of individual cities or counties.

More conferences will be held and legislation will be introduced.

Anders Larsen, Carpenters 36, advised caution on this deal. He cited the Port Authority, which has become a big power in itself, separate from the usual controls. Childers said the whole matter is being gone into very carefully, and would be reported on regularly.

### ROBERTS MEMORIAL

President Pruss, "Blackie" Miller and Richard Groulx of the CLC had gone to Roberts Park as a special committee on a memorial for the late T. J. Roberts, and were making progress.



SAN FRANCISCO UNION member and his wife who care for six homeless children have been named "Foster Parents of the Year" by the interdenominational Joint Agency Committee for Kiddies, sometimes called "Jackie". Anthony Rodoni, a motion picture projectionist and member of Stage Employees Local 162, and his wife are shown in the midst of the small fry they help. A childless couple who love children, they have cared for as many as nine.

## Lessons drawn from the study of history of American labor

By BILL KIEZEL

Member, United Auto Workers 1031

In this great struggle which we are now confronted with there must be but one outcome. The working class today is an overwhelming majority and we must make the facts of labor history plain to every man and woman.

In the early thirties there was a great sentiment to organize the unorganized; the millions of unskilled workers craved unionization; they needed leaders and finally did get the leadership which came from the most militant and radical section of the labor movement, and some financial and parliamentary help from the liberal trade union sections at that time.

One of the big civil liberties cases during that period was introduced before the subcommittee of the Committee on Education and Labor of the United States Senate. It was popularly known as the LaFollette Civil Liberties Committee.

This committee's main role was exposing the labor spy racket and showing how the employers were using the spy system to destroy and hinder the growth of a strong labor movement. The millions of words of the stenographic records of this investigation are now in huge bound volumes, that are still available, if I'm not mistaken, at the Government Printing Office. (Or perhaps in a large public or university library)

This expose was so shocking that it shook the tar out of our fair-minded citizens. It did not bring shame to our leading industrialists, but it did expose them in such a light that it aroused the workers. The 230 labor spy agencies that operated in that period, the largest of which were the Pinkertons, Tiels, and Burns agencies, were using operatives or spies by the tens of thousands, planting them in practically every feasible plant, factory, mine, and mill.

These many employers rewarded the agencies with countless millions of dollars each year to help keep the spy system operating. (\$75 million dollars is a lot of money, even now?) The individuals that worked for the company were operatives better known as spies or stool pigeons. They held various positions inside the labor movement, from president to guide.

There is an old saying that if there is a spy on one end, there is a tyrant on the other. Even

to date the spying and pay-off is still going on. Although still damaging it is not so effective as it was in the earlier years.

Still, the unions began to grow. Then came open warfare and strike-breaking. Gangsters, goons, and professional strike-breakers were tried and used, but even this method of the employers and fascist elements could not stop the union's growth. The use of the jailhouses and armed troops only aligned many of the fair-minded citizens with the unions, when prior to that many of them did not give a darn one way or the other.

When spying failed, when strike-breaking failed, when intimidation and false arrests failed, big business and reaction used the only avenue that was open to them where they had a better than even chance. That was the political field, where little opposition or only token opposition exists.

If many of the issues that are law today were put honestly and truthfully to the public on a referendum vote, many of these laws would not be on the books. They lied in Kansas and the other states and we know they will lie again and again.

Many in the labor unions sacrificed their lives to create and preserve the unions. We in the unions have poured our energies, our brains, and our finances into building a strong labor movement, and we will do it again if we have to.

We must see to it that big business and the reactionary elements are not allowed to dirty, muddy, or falsify the record that grew out of the hearts and blood of working men and women.

Labor, alone is capable of reshaping the future and making the march to undreamed of heights of real prosperity. We must free ourselves from fear and want on one hand, and sadistic force on the other. We have no choice. History has put this task in our hands, and the only road is forward.

KEY SYSTEM has suffered another loss in riders, with more than 10 percent of its transbay passengers abandoning public transit for the private automobile during 1958, says Robert K. Barber, president of the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District.



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## Phony democracy's claim against the wilderness

Ralph Craib in our distinguished contemporary, the Proposition 18 Tribune, had a very interesting article recently on a subject which perhaps some of our labor people haven't been worrying about very much. It's the fight that Dr. Harold Bradley of Berkeley, as president of the Sierra Club, is making to prevent the building of the proposed Mammoth Pass Highway through a beautiful wilderness area. Dr. Bradley says:

"This region is one of the last in the nation where people can have that once-in-a-lifetime experience of pioneering in untouched primitive country."

Those who advocate the building of the road make the usual argument that it would help national defense, that it would make available for exploitation big timber, tungsten and copper resources, and that with a booming population and the need for more roads, there is no reason to pay much attention to "the small number of people who now tramp into the back country."

In another article somewhere lately a State Highway Commission man said it was "undemocratic" to keep people in automobiles out of such areas; that every Californian, since he or she lives in a democracy, has right of convenient access to all beautiful places in the country.

Democracy, what criminal things are said in thy name! The people who rush through a former wilderness area, crashing headon from time to time with other cars in their hurry, throwing beer cans and burning cigarettes out of the car windows, are not properly using such an area—instead they are using gas and nervous energy.

True democracy protects the legitimate and socially valuable rights of the few as well as the so-called rights of the many who wish to drive nowhere at high speed.

## Dulles says this, Ike that

The late H. L. Mencken used to say that while he was critical of this country, he wouldn't dream of living anywhere else, because Americans did so many laughably foolish things. What a lot of fun Mencken would have had watching confusions and contradictions within the Eisenhower Administration!

Recently, while Administration officials were working hard to draft proposed legislation to put some teeth into integration in the schools of the South, they were astonished to learn that Mr. Eisenhower had publicly pooh-poohed the idea of such legislation being necessary or desirable.

Then there was Mr. Dulles suddenly and without warning knocking out the foundation stone of our foreign policy by saying that we could solve the problem of divided Germany without having free elections. While our European allies were trying to get over these words which, as the New York Times said, "lift the Western position into the diplomatic stratosphere, with nothing to hang onto but confusion," Mr. Dulles went on imperturbably to tell a Senate committee that the cold war seemingly would make "austerity and sacrifice" necessary for decades and perhaps generations. And on the very same day Mr. Eisenhower held out the prospect of a tax cut in the not too distant future!

On with the dance, let joy be unconfined, as the poet remarked.

## The injunction won by BTC

The success of the Building Trades Council in getting the Superior Court to issue an injunction preventing a contractor from using nonunion labor on a demolition job is of great significance.

Our BTC story on page one of this issue brings out the fact that there is a big invasion of Alameda County by firms from the valley on demolition jobs. The injunction issued by Judge Folger Emerson indicates that any such firm which in another county has signed a contract with a building trades central body will have to toe the line in its operations here.

Anti-labor people had hoped that the valley would spearhead a drive against unionism which would ultimately smash or cripple unionism in this area. A special effort has been made to injure the building trades craftsmen in the valley.

The way valley voters turned out to defeat Proposition 18 was one encouraging indication that the reactionaries had best not put too much faith in the valley.

This war isn't over yet, by any means. But the big vote against 18 polled by the valley, and this court decision are both very encouraging.

## The Old Whitewash Act



## 'REMARKABLE PERSONAL INFLUENCE' OF MEANY

John Hutchinson, UC Industrial Relations Institute coordinator of labor programs, published in the December California Law Review an article on "Constitution and Government of the AFL-CIO" from which we have excerpted part of his comment on AFLCIO President George Meany:

Any reading of the history of the AFLCIO testifies to the remarkable personal influence of its President. Meany rules with a weighty hand. This seems to be a natural habit, dating at least from the day he became President of the AFL. On that day his nominee for the post of Secretary-Treasurer he had just vacated, President William F. Schnitzler of the Bakers, was opposed by President Daniel J. Tobin of the Teamsters, the largest union in the AFL. This, according to all custom, should have been decisive.

Green had never opposed Tobin, who only recently had boasted that he controlled six of the 13 votes on the AFL Executive Council. Meany stuck to his choice, and to Tobin's amazement carried the matter to a vote. Schnitzler was elected.

The precedent became a practice. Meany was the prime mover within the AFL on the unprecedented expulsion of the ILA in 1953.

Also in 1953, President Emeritus William Hutcheson of the Carpenters threatened in Executive Council to secede from the AFL in disagreement with the federation's jurisdictional policies. The Carpenters were the second largest union in the AFL, and the largest union in the highly influential building trades group. Hutcheson, like Tobin, had never suffered the restraining hand of Green.

On this occasion, Hutcheson uttered his threat and waited for the traditional act of conciliation. Instead, Meany offered the startling observation that "when a vacancy occurs, all vice presidents move up one seat. Do I hear a resolution to that effect?" In a brief moment Hutcheson was minus a vice presidency and the Carpenters were out of the AFL. The federation's jurisdictional policies remained unchanged, and three weeks later the Carpenters made a sheepish re-entry into the AFL. Hutcheson, the elder, never returned to the Executive Council.

Meany has shown the same characteristics as President of the AFLCIO. During the early days of the federation he opposed an alliance between the Teamsters and the outlawed ILA, forcing the Teamsters first to postpone action on their "mutual assistance" agreement with the ILA, then to cancel a \$400,000 loan to the longshore union, and finally to drop the joint organizing plan which was the heart of the agreement; the alliance was not openly revived

until after the expulsion of the Teamsters from the AFLCIO.

In state merger negotiations Meany has accepted protracted delays in the most difficult states, but has not hesitated to intervene personally in state merger negotiations, or to impose unity in the bitterest situation of all. In jurisdictional matters he has uttered heresy to the traditionalists, and used the authority of the federation against the violators of the AFL-CIO constitution.

His bluntness in public leaves him little room for compromise or change of opinion in consultation with his associates on the Executive Council, toward whom, in the privacy of the council, he is said to show little in the way of deference. His personal influence has been evident, most of all, in dealing with corruption \*\*\* of expulsion has clearly commanded something less than the enthusiasm of some of its ultimate supporters.

It is difficult to avoid the impression that, whatever the pattern of influences at work, the firmness of federation policy, and the remarkable absence of organized opposition to it, owe much to the inflexibility of Meany and to the respect he commands in all quarters of the federation. Indeed it is questionable whether, in the absence of such manifest personal influence, the federation could have survived the adoption of its own draconian measures. . . .

## Meetings dull?

Anybody in search of an interesting hobby might have a talk with Griff Charles, ex-president of Local 921. He devotes most of his time to raising champion bulldogs; has produced seven champions.

Right now he has 20 potential champs at his Daly City home. Griff travels around a lot and will show his dogs "anyplace within driving distance."

Next time your union meeting gets dull . . . ! — Northern California Teamster.

## Profits not taxed

With the recent boom in the popularity of Rambler motor cars, American Motors in the year ended September 30, 1958, earned a profit of \$26,000,000. No income taxes will be due to the Federal Government on this profit. — AFLCIO Economic Trends.

## OPINIONS

You Write 'Em . . .  
We Run 'Em!

## SENATOR ENGLE ON JOURNAL EDITORIAL

East Bay Labor Journal sent by airmail to Senator Clair Engle an advance proof of its January 23 editorial criticizing Senator Engle for voting for the Johnson resolution on the filibuster. Following are the telegram and letter received from Senator Engle in reply:

### TELEGRAM

Editor, Labor Journal:

Appreciate opportunity to defend vote for Johnson compromise to amend Rule 22 by permitting cloture on a vote of two-thirds of Senators present and voting. I fought for majority cloture and for three-fifths cloture and regretted that victory was denied us. Such liberals as Clark of Penn., Humphrey of Minn., Keating of New York, McCarthy of Minn., Proxmire of Wisconsin, and Williams of New Jersey agreed with me that the Johnson resolution was an improvement although a slight one over existing procedures. Please be assured of my continued efforts to achieve a more effective revision of Rule 22.

### LETTER

Editor, Labor Journal:

This is with further reference to your editorial on the Johnson compromise to amend Rule 22, to which I responded briefly by telegram to January 22.

I did everything I could to win approval of majority cloture. Remembering that this position mustered thirty-eight votes in 1957, I did not consider it a lost cause. When we failed, I voted for the Johnson resolution only because it was better than nothing.

I feel that it was a move in the right direction since the Senate will again be able to invoke cloture on debate on a rules change. As you will note from the enclosed breakdown of the vote, many more liberals voted as I did than with those who opposed it. You have apparently given Eastland, Byrd of Virginia, and other conservative southerners credit for a good vote on civil rights.

I am also enclosing a copy of the remarks of Senator Clark of Pennsylvania which express very well my own sentiments.

Sincerely yours,  
CLAIR ENGLE

Editor's Note: The Atlantic Monthly in its January issue, delivered to subscribers even before Congress convened, said in its Report on Washington: "That this rule (22) was going to be changed was a foregone conclusion even before the election; the Southerners knew it and were ready to fall back to a well-prepared position, accepting two-thirds of those present and voting." That's just what happened — all Confederate-cut and Johnson-dried. There was no more reason why a Western or Northern Senator should vote for the thing than there would have been for General Meade after the battle of Gettysburg to write to the head of the Confederate Army: "What you have done is for the good of the United States."

The material Senator Engle sent with his letter is held until our next issue.

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## BERNICE COOPER'S LETTER ON PAGE 5

A letter from Bernice Cooper, secretary-treasurer of Culinary Local 595, will be found on page 5 of this issue of East Bay Labor Journal. Publication of her letter was delayed, due to space considerations, until it could be published in full.